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OF: CARL L. WILLIS CONFIRMATION No.: 4634

SERIAL NO. 10/741,535 GROUP ART UNIT: 1713

FILED: DECEMBER 19, 2003 EXAMINER: LIPMAN, BERNARD

TITLE: CONJUGATED DIENE POLYMERS AND COPOLYMER BLOCKS AND

PROCESS FOR PREPARING SAME

MAIL STOP - AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents P.O Box 1450 Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Sir.

In response to the non-final office action mailed on February 23, 2006, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on May 23, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the claims, and reconsider the application in view of these amendments and Applicant's remarks below.

The Commissioner is hereby petitioned for a 1 month extension for reply. The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fees required for 1 month extension (\$120.00) by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed), and any additional fees or credits can be charged to Deposit Account No. 14-1437.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this paper.